



# APRIL 2021



## GFWC GA MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

Check us out at <https://mcwcga.org/>



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Club Sisters,

Happy Spring to everyone, and we hope all is well in your world.

The April meeting will be at the church this month. An opportunity we have hoped for and looked forward to for a long time. Thursday, April 1 (no joke!), 6:30. There will also be a Zoom and phone in connection. Watch your email for information on how to access either of the distance options.

Saturday, April 17 is the West Central District meeting, at the church. We hope as many of our club members can attend as possible. Being together with other club women will help reinforce the bond we share through the mission of our work and get us on the path to some normal activities.

The registration fee is \$10.00, deadline is April 9. You should have received an email about registering, but if you have not, contact us and we will be glad to help you. Registration and social time on the 17<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:30, the business meeting 10:00-12 noon. Lunch will not be served, but there will be a light snack. Information will be shared on the state convention, and there will be some amazing opportunity baskets.

The monthly club meeting and the district meeting have been planned with careful consideration to safety protocols.

Be well, stay safe, enjoy this beautiful season.

Cookie and Mary

## OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



### Arts and Culture Community Service Program

The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place.

We hope you are ready to relax and get your Art On! We will decorate cards at the April meeting of the MCWC. When you arrive, you will be asked to decorate a card or two with collage or painting techniques and then write a verse (ideas will be provided). The cards will be Mother's Day Cards or



Thinking of you Cards for Ladies in Assisted living or Shelters in our community. We will then ask you to sign at least 5 or 6 cards before you leave. Marlynn and I have prepared the collage pieces donated by Cookie, and we will still have painting canvas or watercolor paper as an option. Come early because we would like as many cards as possible. Hopefully, we will be able to set up by 5:30. Come and do your own masterpiece. Art is good for the soul.

I am not a proficient artist, so I have given the students at M.E Stillwell School of the Arts the opportunity to participate as well. They will be given community service hours for their participation. 30 Students have agreed to participate. We are learning to partner well!!!!

Before the presses started, I received news about a Central West District art judging. Heloise was recovering from COVID when the art was supposed to be gathered from schools and members, so we will not have any pieces in the GFWC GA judging, but I know some of you have been crafting and sewing. So, prepare to show one or more of your pieces at District. Hopefully, I will have more information at the meeting.

Ways to give back to the arts:

<https://316.clayton.k12.ga.us/>

<https://www.artsclayton.org>

<https://www.clayton.edu/spiveyhall/>

<https://thefrontporchplayers.com/>

<https://316ccps.ss10.sharpschool.com/>

<http://www.henryplayers.com/>

Remember to give back to other cultures and the arts by purchasing items from Serv. See the information in the Budget and Finance Section of our Newsletter.

Remember to send an email to [wils4929@bellsouth.net](mailto:wils4929@bellsouth.net) and tell Heloise Wilson about your contributions!

Please enjoy the Arts and Culture Web Links at the end of the Newsletter!



**Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program**

The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. This Community Service Program highlights and encourages citizenship; crime prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness; the needy, hungry, and homeless; and our military personnel and veterans.

### Socks for Calvary Refuge

On Monday, March 8th, 500 pairs of socks were delivered to Calvary Refuge. **Thank you, club sisters for this awesome donation.**

### Habitat for Humanity

Just a reminder that at our April club meeting, we will be having a “**Kitchen Shower**” for a new Habitat for Humanity homeowner. This shower will provide some essential kitchen items. Some suggested items are broom and dust pan, mop, cutting boards, can opener, Tupperware, measuring cups, baking pans, dish soap, cleaning supplies, paper towels, sponges, kitchen utensils, trash bags, light bulbs, oven mitts, dish towels, toaster, and blender. Any other items would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to see the variety of items brought to make this kitchen an inviting place to create some delicious meals and baked goods.

Have you been following the Georgia Legislative session? Either go to [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov) or visit our club website at [www.mcwcga.org](http://www.mcwcga.org) and on the homepage under “Stay Informed” click the link. At the bottom of informational sites, select “Georgia General Assembly”. The daily schedule for Under the Gold Dome is listed with links to issues, documents, or bills.

The screenshot shows the Georgia General Assembly website. The main heading is "UNDER THE GOLD DOME" for Feb 22, 2021. Below this is a "Today's Schedule" table with the following data:

Date	Time	Name	Location
02/22/2021	TBD	Rules Upon Adjournment (Senate)	450 CAP
02/22/2021	8:00 AM	Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Energy Subcommittee (House)	406 CLOB HYBRID
02/22/2021	8:00 AM	Motor Vehicles Driver Safety and Services Subcommittee (House)	515 CLOB
02/22/2021	9:00 AM	RULES (House)	341 CAP
02/22/2021	10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD20)	House

To the right of the schedule are two columns of document links for the House of Representatives and the Senate, each containing buttons for "RULES CALENDAR", "FIRST READERS", "STATUS SHEET", and "COMPOSITE".



## Education and Libraries Community Service Program

**We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities. These projects promote libraries, literacy, and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.**

- Education and Libraries is hard at work providing some financial assistance in our community. There was \$100 donation made in snacks (crackers, applesauce and chips) for the Nothing But Truth Organization. This non-profit provides bags with snacks and food for 150 children in 5 different schools.
- Do not forget to drop off gently used children's books, they are needed at the library box in front of Lee Street Elementary School and the playground at “The Beach” in Clayton County Park. You can drop off the books in the special library box or bring them to the April meeting and we will make sure the books are delivered. These library boxes are really neat--children can take a book at any time!
- Cathy invites members to come by her garage during daylight hours and swap books at “Cathy’s Garage Library”. There are two large containers of books behind her large trash can.



## Environment Community Service Program

**The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world’s resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature. Environmental degradation is cumulative, and many scientists warn that we are at a tipping point. There is no time like the present to act.**

God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures.  
– Francis Bacon

Thank you for helping keep Morrow Civic Woman’s Club an advocate for our Environment as we celebrate Earth Day on Thursday, April 22, 2021. Here are some dates and facts to remember.

April will keep your wind chimes tinkling and the sound will keep birds from nesting on your porch or by your front door.

“Flowering Annuals for Georgia Gardens” is a free booklet available at your local Extension Service office. Call 1-800-ASKUGA-1 to get local office phone numbers

When you have to have clothing dry cleaned, recycle, take back used wire hangers.

Remember to bring used ink cartridges, batteries, magic markers and crayons to the club meeting. Bins will be labeled for drop off.

A date will be set toward the end of April to clean, mulch and add new plantings in the Lenora Rudeseal Memorial Garden at Smith Elementary School.

April 30th is Arbor Day! Planting a tree is an act of optimism and kindness, a labor of love and a commitment to stewardship. The Environment CSP is searching for wholesale tree farms and nurseries that sell tree seedlings or small trees. Retail prices are just too expensive!

If you have any recommendations or suggestions, please contact Catherine at 770.364.4207. The planting of trees will be a yearlong focus for the MCWC Environment Community Service Program so please share with Catherine how you would like to participate.

As always, remember to keep a record of the time you spend:

- Recycling
- Picking up litter while you walk
- Reading or researching environmental issues
- Planning or working in your garden or yard.



## Health and Wellness Community Service Program

**The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our well-being, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.**



The **GFWC Georgia Day of Service** will be held Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this day is to be a visible, unified force in our state through work done in local communities. Ronald McDonald Houses are the focus for this year. Please bring any of the following items to club meeting: paper towels, toilet tissue, baby wipes, or Lysol wipes. In keeping with our 125 Years Anniversary celebration of Georgia GFWC, we are hoping to collect and donate 125 items to a Ronald McDonald House. Also, please bring ALL of those soda can tabs you've been saving! The tabs will continue to be an on-going project, but we'll turn in tabs collected so far. A Kroger gift card will also be donated.





April 2<sup>nd</sup> is **World Autism Awareness Day**, a day to show understanding of and acceptance for people with autism. Club members are asked to wear **BLUE** to club meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and again on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> to show your support. Pledge to create a kinder, more inclusive world this year, and to increase acceptance of autistic people and their families. On this day, many landmarks and buildings around the world, as well as homes, businesses, and communities will “Light It Up Blue” in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them. You can “light up” your home or business in **BLUE** (blue light bulbs are available at Home Depot or Amazon). Additional information can be found at [www.easterseals.com/autismawareness](http://www.easterseals.com/autismawareness) or <https://www.autismspeaks.org> , and follow the links for autism awareness month.



The value of good health is celebrated on **World Health Day**, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), physical, mental, and emotional well-being is promoted and celebrated all over the world on this day. Every April 7<sup>th</sup>, the World Health Organization chooses to highlight a special theme current in the wellness and medical world. This year’s World Health Day will shine a light on nurses and midwives and the vital role they play in providing health care around the world. This day is all about creating awareness for the health issues of the needy and the less fortunate in poor regions around the world, as well as reminding us to be grateful for our health and to take better care of ourselves. Info at <https://nationaltoday.com/world-health-day> .



Use the following link for vaccine registration through the Morrow Fire Dept.:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4cacao2ba3ff2-covid>



UPDATE on March activities:

- Thank you to all members who donated money and food to local food pantries. We met and exceeded our goal of 125 cans.
- To celebrate National Nutrition Month, we took a basket of healthy snacks to healthcare workers at Cadence Mt. Zion, a senior living and memory care facility in Jonesboro. Thank you for your contributions.

**ON-GOING COLLECTIONS:**

- Soda can pop tops for Ronald McDonald House
- Calendars for Good Shepherd Clinic
- Stuffed animals for Red Cross



**Special Project: Women’s History Resource Center (WHRC)**

What happens when the WHRC, Fashion Show Committee, and Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP cross paths? You get an informative and engaging installation! There is still time to see our club's Women's History Month display at the Morrow Public Library.



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Blessings Thrift Store located at 86 Work Camp Road in McDonough currently needs clothing donations more than any other items. Clothing donations may be dropped off only on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. You can contact the store at 770.288.6503. All proceeds at Blessings go toward the Haven House domestic violence shelter, which could also use monetary donations in the form of cash or gift cards. Below is the link for making donations to Haven House.

<https://givebutter.com/havenhousegotheextramile>

## COMMITTEES



### Budget and Finance

The Budget Committee will email a proposed 2021 budget to all members before our next meeting. We will discuss it and vote on it during our March Zoom meeting. The Morrow Civic Woman's Club really does make a difference in our community and our world. While things are tight this year, we are determined to continue that impact, but it will require your commitment, creativity, excitement, and marketing skills to make 2021 a success. The Budget Committee wants to say thank you to all our members who have sent in their dues. We anticipate that we will have 100% of the dues in, or close to

it, by the March meeting. Look for information on new fundraisers in the near future, if approved by membership.



### **Fashion Show Fundraiser**

While the 2020 program ads are still being featured on <https://mcwcga.org/>, have you taken the time to extend gratitude to these patrons when you frequent their businesses? One of our members said she received the biggest smile when she thanked the owner of a dry cleaners for his support. When you visit these patrons, please remember to thank them for helping our organization to continue our outreach to the community.



### **Rada Online Fundraiser**

Visit <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4699925.3900a81> for the MCWC fundraiser. The link is good, so continue to share it with friends and family along with this message: *Thank you for supporting our fundraiser through Rada Cutlery. With the right kitchen tools, cooking at home doesn't have to be a chore. Every purchase you make using our unique shopping link shown here helps support our group, the Morrow Civic Woman's Club!*



### **SERRV Online Fundraiser**

Spring is a great time to kick off the Morrow Civic Woman's Club's new fundraiser and ladies, have you shared this opportunity with 12 of your family and friends? SERRV International is a nonprofit, fair trade retailer that empowers marginalized global artisans to break the cycle of poverty through the sale of their handcrafts. The artisan partners prioritize investing in projects that create sustainable families and communities, including childcare and scholarships for children, health clinics, anti-trafficking programs, and environmental education programs. Your purchases help support the artists and their programs. To order, click on the Morrow Civic Woman's Club custom link below.



This is the custom SERRV & Earn web link:

<https://www.serrv.org/?a=MCWC>

Please remember to check the orange banner at the top of our home page before shopping, to make sure the Morrow Civic Woman's Club is identified:

20% of your online order today will be donated to Morrow Civic Woman's Club

The club's entire web link (URL) must be used for this fundraiser. SERRV & Earn orders must be placed online. Orders will be delivered directly to the purchaser or designated recipient.



## Club Relations

The Club Relations Committee hopes that everyone is well and safe. This year let's try to stay in better touch with our club sisters through phone calls or cards. If you are not at the meeting in person or by zoom, we will truly miss you and wish you our best!



## Membership

The Membership Committee has been hard at work to recognize our members and invite and orient new members to our hardworking club. Thanks to Cathy White for her goodies and cards for Easter. We hope you enjoyed your St. Patrick's Day Blessing. We are looking forward to orienting Karen Wright to our club this next week and voting on her membership at club meeting. We know we will cherish her ideas and hard work. Our Membership Committee is asking for every CSP chair (or their designee) and the officers to join us for a Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Heloise Wilson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71255207086?pwd=cWhINWRXbHMxZUIkUmZDdVZnbUtIdz09>

Meeting ID: 712 5520 7086

Passcode: Z0AZk1

We have gained two new members. Hooray!! Hopefully, we will have visitors that will join us on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget to invite a friend. We are finding ways to grow as an organization and help others even in these changing times.



**Scholarship Committee**

The Scholarship Committee hopes that Clayton State University will soon post the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship opportunity and share it with qualified candidates. The committee hopes you too will help in spreading the word. Through May, be on the lookout for possible Clayton State University applicants and tell them the criteria and application are posted on our club website, [www.mcwcga.org](http://www.mcwcga.org). The completed forms are due June 1, 2021.



## Scrapbook and Website

Gratitude is extended to everyone who has sent information for the Scrapbook this year! Just a friendly monthly reminder for your continued efforts in taking pictures and including project information on your service projects and activities. Send your information to Marlynn Jones for the Scrapbook and Kristy Coughlin for the Website. Thanks everyone, and Happy April 2021!

Marlynn Jones: 770-713-5143; [mjones1694@hotmail.com](mailto:mjones1694@hotmail.com)

Kristy Coughlin: 770-527-6087; [coughline@bellsouth.net](mailto:coughline@bellsouth.net)



## Tallulah Falls School (TFS)

### In the beginning – 1909

When Mary Ann Lipscomb, from Athens, Georgia, came up to Tallulah Falls to her summer cottage in 1905 and became acquainted with some of the mountain children and saw how eager they were to learn to read and write, she felt almost overwhelmed by the seeming impossibility of their achieving this desire.

Lipscomb was a woman with great determination, and as president of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs (GaFWC), she was also a woman with considerable influence. At the 1906 GaFWC Convention, Lipscomb offered a resolution recommending the founding of a school by the Federation at Tallulah Falls. She concluded her resolution by saying: "My sisters, the question for you is not what you are going to get out of the world, but what you are going to give the world." The resolution was unanimously adopted.

### The Lipscomb Cottage



State Office for GFWC-GA


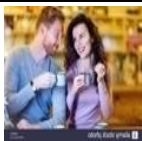
On June 30, 1909, the Tallulah Falls Industrial School was formally opened. The school's one building sat on the original five acres of land given to the school by Sarah E. White. The first day of school was held on July 12, 1909, as the school opened its doors to the children of Habersham and Rabun counties. Annie Thrasher of Watkinsville, Georgia, was the teacher, and 21 mountain boys and girls eager for

learning were the school's first pupils. TFS continued to be both a public and private institution for 50 more years (until 1970). That was the year Heloise Handley Wilson graduated and was the end of an era for THIS public and private school.

Thank you for honoring this tradition and never doubt that it is still "The Light in the Mountains" this article was copied from the Tallulah Falls School website [www.tallulahfalls.org](http://www.tallulahfalls.org)

## HAPPY APRIL!

### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

<p><b><i>Happy March Birthday!</i></b></p>		<p><b><i>Happy March Anniversary!</i></b></p>	
<p>4/4 – Mary Harmon 4/29 – Kristy Coughlin 4/30 – Peggy Wilson</p>		<p>None this Month</p>	

### HOSTESS(ES) FOR APRIL ZOOM MEETING

<p><b><i>Coordinator</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Devotional</i></b></p>	
<p>Renee Goolsbee</p>	<p>Cookie Keene</p>	<p>Vickie Jennings</p>

### NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: APRIL 26, 2021



State website: <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/>



National website: <https://gfwc.org/>

### ARTS AND CULTURE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

#### Links that enrich you in Arts and Culture:

Here are some links you might enjoy!

<https://broadwaydirect.com/where-to-watch-musicals-online-the-musical-lovers-guide-to-streaming/>

<https://artsandculture.google.com/story/DAWx75ap5FKeBQ>

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwjM-4ji5rHrAhUQRKwKHdl9C0MQFjADegQIBBAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ajc.com%2Fentertainment%2Farts--theater%2Fatlanta-museums-extend-exhibitions-closed-abruptly-because-covid%2F2AAGaX9nO1TAg03oIQSL9M%2F&usg=AOvVaw29RjmUZecTsjCP5sMjEJY>

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/what-to-do-at-home-streaming-art-museums-concerts-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>

Thought you might like a college friend's gardens. He is a great landscape architect.

<https://williamtsmithgardens.com/>